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**1989 RECORD YEAR FOR STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAMS;
FEDERAL AID APPORTIONMENTS APPROACH \$300 MILLION**

A record funding level of nearly \$300 million in hunting, fishing, and boating equipment revenues will help finance fish and wildlife restoration programs of the states, commonwealths, and territories this year through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Federal Aid program, Service Director Frank Dunkle announced today.

"This is one of the most successful conservation programs ever and I am pleased to announce yet another record funding year," Dunkle said. "The willingness of America's hunters, anglers, and sporting equipment manufacturers to provide this kind of financial support to wildlife through Federal excise taxes on hunting, fishing, and boating equipment is outstanding. It is a prime example of a user-pay program that really works."

The \$298.5 million announced today is the final apportionment for fiscal year 1989 under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration (Pittman-Robertson) and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson) Acts. Funding is derived from Federal excise taxes on sporting equipment such as firearms, ammunition, and fishing tackle; import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats; and a percentage of motorboat fuels taxes.

Today's announcement boosts total sport fish restoration funds to over \$1 billion raised since the program began in 1950. The wildlife restoration program, started in 1937, has resulted in over \$1.5 billion. This money is used to finance state-sponsored restoration projects, and has made possible major accomplishments in fish and wildlife management and restoration over the years. The comeback of the wild turkey, the wood duck, native brook and cutthroat trout, and many other popular species can be directly attributed to these two programs.

The apportionment for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs for fiscal year 1989 totals \$119 million. This money comes from an 11-percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10-percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11-percent tax on certain archery equipment. One-half of the tax on handguns and archery equipment is available for state hunter education programs.

The apportionment for sport fish restoration for fiscal year 1989 totals \$179.5 million. This money results from a 10-percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3-percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. The "Wallop-Breaux" expansion legislation of 1984 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the Federal motorboat fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

Distribution of sport fish restoration funds to the states is based on the land and water area and the number of fishing license holders in each state. Wildlife restoration funds are made available based on land area and the number of hunting license holders in each state. Distribution of hunter education funds is based on the relative population of each state.

The apportionments reflect the total amount of Federal money available to each state for fish and wildlife restoration programs. State funds must pay for 25 percent of the cost for each project approved under the two programs.

The attached tables show the allocation of the final apportionments for fiscal year 1989. This reflects over \$118 million in additional Federal funds since the preliminary apportionments were announced in September 1988.

FINAL APPORTIONMENT OF
FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH RESTORATION FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1989

ALABAMA	\$ 3,022,057
ALASKA	8,975,000
ARIZONA	3,869,267
ARKANSAS	3,120,783
CALIFORNIA	8,975,000
COLORADO	4,474,767
CONNECTICUT	1,795,000
DELAWARE	1,795,000
FLORIDA	3,905,416
GEORGIA	3,584,752
HAWAII	1,795,000
IDAHO	3,048,219
ILLINOIS	3,774,675
INDIANA	2,845,680
IOWA	2,482,445
KANSAS	2,620,659
KENTUCKY	2,864,990
LOUISIANA	2,844,181
MAINE	1,795,000
MARYLAND	1,795,000
MASSACHUSETTS	1,795,000
MICHIGAN	6,967,245
MINNESOTA	6,430,443
MISSISSIPPI	2,502,847
MISSOURI	4,729,586
MONTANA	4,149,356
NEBRASKA	2,378,100
NEVADA	2,750,926
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,795,000
NEW JERSEY	1,795,000
NEW MEXICO	3,272,907
NEW YORK	4,684,427
NORTH CAROLINA	2,576,586
NORTH DAKOTA	1,928,276
OHIO	4,729,094
OKLAHOMA	3,282,636
OREGON	4,401,416
PENNSYLVANIA	4,538,535
RHODE ISLAND	1,795,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,862,246
SOUTH DAKOTA	2,157,828
TENNESSEE	3,308,167
TEXAS	8,975,000
UTAH	2,959,014
VERMONT	1,795,000
VIRGINIA	2,846,361
WASHINGTON	4,132,746
WEST VIRGINIA	1,795,000
WISCONSIN	6,250,965
WYOMING	2,745,732
PUERTO RICO	1,795,000
GUAM	598,334
VIRGIN ISLANDS	598,334
AMERICAN SAMOA	598,334
MARIANA ISLANDS	598,334
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	598,334
TOTAL	\$179,500,000

FINAL APPORTIONMENT OF
FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1989

	<u>WILDLIFE RESTORATION</u>	<u>HUNTER EDUCATION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ALABAMA	1,672,269	490,048	2,162,317
ALASKA	4,920,000	206,000	5,126,000
ARIZONA	2,320,804	342,381	2,663,857
ARKANSAS	1,775,484	287,916	2,063,400
CALIFORNIA	3,829,688	618,000	4,447,688
COLORADO	2,546,682	363,919	2,910,610
CONNECTICUT	492,000	391,475	883,475
DELAWARE	492,000	206,000	698,000
FLORIDA	1,605,558	618,000	2,223,558
GEORGIA	2,143,933	618,000	2,761,933
HAWAII	492,000	206,000	698,000
IDAHO	2,027,808	206,000	2,233,808
ILLINOIS	1,825,057	618,000	2,443,057
INDIANA	1,427,976	618,000	2,045,976
IOWA	1,593,462	367,012	1,960,474
KANSAS	1,896,057	297,704	2,193,761
KENTUCKY	1,587,135	461,247	2,048,382
LOUISIANA	1,709,317	529,593	2,238,910
MAINE	1,119,326	206,000	1,325,326
MARYLAND	683,034	531,164	1,217,198
MASSACHUSETTS	492,000	618,000	1,110,000
MICHIGAN	3,662,429	618,000	4,280,429
MINNESOTA	2,813,901	513,616	3,327,517
MISSISSIPPI	1,614,343	317,536	1,931,879
MISSOURI	2,555,482	618,000	3,173,482
MONTANA	3,053,212	206,000	3,259,212
NEBRASKA	1,662,225	206,000	1,868,225
NEVADA	1,885,092	206,000	2,091,092
NEW HAMPSHIRE	492,000	216,000	698,000
NEW JERSEY	513,163	618,000	1,131,163
NEW MEXICO	2,203,379	206,000	2,526,339
NEW YORK	3,061,205	618,000	3,679,205
NORTH CAROLINA	1,788,726	618,000	2,406,726
NORTH DAKOTA	1,394,285	206,000	1,600,285
OHIO	2,013,533	618,000	2,631,533
OKLAHOMA	1,839,381	381,106	2,220,487
OREGON	2,542,454	331,648	2,874,102
PENNSYLVANIA	4,195,433	618,000	4,813,433
RHODE ISLAND	492,000	206,000	698,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,008,344	392,940	1,401,284
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,624,197	206,000	1,830,197
TENNESSEE	2,449,071	578,317	3,027,388
TEXAS	4,920,000	618,000	5,538,000
UTAH	1,978,321	206,000	2,184,321
VERMONT	492,000	206,000	698,000
VIRGINIA	2,050,607	618,000	2,668,607
WASHINGTON	1,849,408	520,295	2,369,703
WEST VIRGINIA	1,319,418	206,000	1,525,418
WISCONSIN	3,061,989	592,751	3,654,740
WYOMING	1,944,852	206,000	2,150,852
PUERTO RICO	492,000	0	492,000
GUAM	164,000	34,333	198,333
VIRGIN ISLANDS	164,000	34,333	198,333
AMERICAN SAMOA	164,000	34,333	198,333
MARIANA ISLANDS	164,000	34,333	198,333
TOTAL	\$98,400,000	\$20,600,000	\$119,000,000